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Application of :
Yukito KAWAHARA et al. : Group Art Unit - 2623
Serial No. 09/634,243 : Examiner - Virginia M. Kibler
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE**

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Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on April 18, 2004. This is an extension request for replying to the December 18 Office Action within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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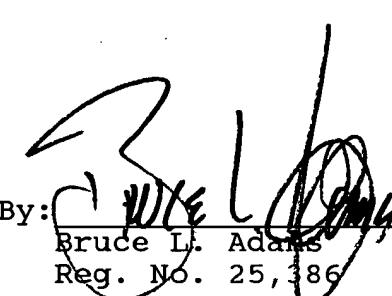
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The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the December 18 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

A check in the amount \$110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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